



WAIKATO INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION



Welcome to WAIKATO INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

Aspire to study at University or a local High School? Need to improve your English for the workplace? Want to learn some English before you travel?

Since 2003, Waikato Institute of Education (WIE) has been the English Language School of choice for thousands of international and domestic students wishing to improve their English and experience a unique Kiwi adventure.

Quality is our top priority and we pride ourselves on offering a high standard of excellence in teaching. With a team of experienced ESOL specialists and examiners; many who have been teaching for over 15 years, students have the opportunity to learn from the experts and achieve fast results for work, future studies, travel or personal satisfaction.

In addition to having some of the most qualified language teachers in the city, WIE is also proud to offer students a prime location in the heart of Hamilton. Our modern campus is seconds away from cinemas, foodcourts, shopping malls, restaurants, bars and cafes, with the Hamilton Transport Centre conveniently located across the street.

We hope that you can join us soon, and discover for yourself the reason why so many students choose WIE!

Choose Quality. Choose WIE.



10 REASONS TO CHOOSE WIE



QUALITY GUARANTEE

WIE is one of the only English Language Schools in NZ to receive government funding for English courses and is NZQA registered, ensuring our courses meet national standards. We are also the only TOEIC Test Centre for the Waikato region and an Approved Pretesting Centre for the Cambridge ESOL exams.



CENTRAL LOCATION

Located in the heart of Hamilton, New Zealand's largest inland city and a popular student destination, WIE's location is convenient, attractive and close to everything Hamilton has to offer. Cafes, shopping, cinemas, gardens, theatres, restaurants, libraries, transport, river walks and the Hamilton lake are all only minutes away.



HIGHLY QUALIFIED STAFF

All WIE's teachers are fully qualified and experienced ESOL specialists, who are all native English speakers. WIE has certified examiners on staff, with Cambridge, IELTS and TOEIC experience. Enthusiastic and engaging, our teachers create a dynamic and professional learning environment and go the extra mile to help you achieve the results you want.



LOW STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO

Our small class size allows you to enjoy an intensive learning experience and improve your speaking and conversation skills quickly. Classes are kept to a maximum of 15, with an average of 6 - 8 students per class, ensuring you receive individual attention in the areas you need to focus on, while getting to know your teacher and classmates more personally.



EXCELLENT FACILITIES

We offer state-of-the-art facilities and services to ensure you receive maximum comfort and care. All our classrooms are air-conditioned and equipped with modern technology. WiFi is free throughout campus and our friendly reception staff are always happy to help you and answer any questions you have.



FLEXIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

Start any Monday throughout the year and choose from full-time or part-time studies with morning, afternoon and evening classes available. With courses for both adults and juniors, WIE has a range of programmes to suit every individual.



GREAT NATIONALITY MIX

Students from more than 35 different countries come to study at WIE. Ages range from 14 to 80 years old and the average age is 23. Meet future friends from all over the world, while enjoying a diverse nationality mix where everyone speaks English!



LOCAL ACCOMMODATION

We offer homestay accommodation with friendly and caring host families. All families are regularly checked and most are no more than 20 minutes travel from school. For those wanting alternative accommodation, WIE is able to help you arrange something to suit your taste and budget.



VALUE FOR MONEY

WIE is committed to excellence in everything we do. Not just in teaching, but also student welfare, accommodation, activities, facilities and support. Our competitive fees and regular discounts make such quality affordable... Our students know this once they get the results they want, which is why they keep coming back!



24/7 SUPPORT

Dedicated support staff are available around the clock to ensure your safety and wellbeing. If you have any questions or concerns, even about non-school related issues, we are always ready to help and offer advice. Upon arrival you will be given a campus and city orientation, which includes setting up a NZ bank account and a tour of local hotspots to help you find your way around Hamilton.





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YOUR EDUCATION AND ADVENTURE GATEWAY

New Zealand's beautiful river city lies south of Auckland and boasts world class tertiary institutes, a full-size stadium, an international airport and the largest hospital in the Southern Hemisphere.

With almost half of the population aged under thirty years, Hamilton is one of the fastest growing cities in New Zealand and offers a vibrant, youthful atmosphere with plenty to keep students entertained.

There is much to satisfy any culture-seeker, from hot air balloons and music festivals to museums, cinemas, galleries, river walks and gardens. After dark, the city comes to life with a diverse mix of cafes, bars, restaurants and live music, which give Hamilton its reputation for best student nightlife in the country.

Home to a world-renowned University, ranked first in ten subjects; as well as several other top education providers, students can study towards an internationally recognised qualification while enjoying a safe, friendly learning environment.

If it's adventure you are after, Hamilton is the best place from where you can experience New Zealand's top tourist hotspots. Less than two hours away lies a huge range of activities; Rotorua's Thermal Wonderland, the Whakapapa Ski Fields, Waitomo Glow-Worm Caves, Otorohonga Kiwi House, Lord of the Ring's Hobbiton set, two of NZ's best surf beaches and plenty of other exciting destinations... just take your pick!

Also far from known fault lines, at no risk of a Tsunami and a good distance from Auckland's volcanoes, Hamilton may well be New Zealand's safest city.

Stunning parks and gardens, vibrant night life, central to a multitude of tourist destinations and no traffic troubles... Choose Hamilton as your study destination and experience the benefits of city life, without the hassles.



CENTRAL LOCATION

WIE is located on the first floor of the Centre Place Tower, in one of Hamilton's largest shopping malls.

- 30 seconds walk to banks
- 1 minute walk to foodcourts and cafes
- 2 minutes walk to cinemas and the Post Office
- 3 minutes walk to the Hamilton Transport Centre
- 6 minutes walk to the Waikato River
- 15 minutes walk to the Waikato Museum
- 20 minutes bus to the Hamilton Zoo
- 40 minutes drive to Raglan beach
- 1 hours drive to Auckland Airport
- 1 ½ hours drive to Auckland City

"WIE is a great place to learn English as there are so many people from different cultures the only way to communicate is by speaking English!"

— Cristian, CHILE



WIE is Here





CAMPUS FACILITIES

Vibrant, bright and modern design compliments WIE's state-of-the-art facilities and student amenities.

- 10 spacious classrooms, each individually air-conditioned and fitted with glass panels providing abundant natural light.
- Student common room furnished with café-style tables and chairs for enjoying lunch with friends.
- Fully equipped student kitchen with three microwaves, fridge, filtered drinking water, hot water urn and free tea & coffee.
- 55" LCD Satellite TV featuring 60+ channels of international broadcasts from all around the world.
- Student lounge area with billiards table and cushy lounge suites to relax on between classes.
- Resource library of IELTS practise materials and other helpful learning resources available.
- Multimedia computer lab equipped with individual headsets for Skype calls with family and friends overseas.
- On-site snacks & refreshments kiosk at campus entrance.
- Free telephone calls within the Waikato region.
- Free wireless internet (WiFi) access throughout campus.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

WIE's after-class activities are the perfect way to apply the English skills you have learned, outside the classroom, while experiencing fun tourist attractions and the best of the great outdoors.

Whether you join WIE's organised weekly activities or plan your own outing with friends, there are countless adventures for you to experience; bungy jumping, golfing, surfing, skiing, kayaking, sky diving, abseiling, hiking, scuba-diving, horse riding and white water rafting... the possibilities are endless!

After Class Activities

- Minigolf
- Tennis
- Ten Pin Bowling
- Football/Rugby
- Hamilton Gardens
- Lasertag
- Waterworld Aquatic Park
- and more...



Half & Full-Day Trips

- Rotorua
- Waitomo Caves
- Auckland
- Mt Maunganui
- Taupo and Mt. Ruapehu
- Raglan Beach
- and more...



ACCOMMODATION

Homestay

Homestay is the first choice for most of our international students, as it offers the chance to experience life in a Kiwi family environment.

- 3 meals provided every day of the week
- Fully-furnished private bedroom
- Close to WIE and public transport
- Regular support from our Homestay Coordinator
- Airport pickup available

All WIE's host families have been carefully selected to ensure the family is welcoming and the home is a safe environment.

You will be sent a profile of your host family before you leave your country, enabling you to contact your new Kiwi family and get to know them before you arrive.

Other Accommodation Options

WIE recognises that not everyone wants homestay and we are happy to help you arrange an alternative. There are many options available to suit all tastes and budgets; backpackers, student hostels, motels, hotels, serviced apartments, studios, bed & breakfasts and more.



ENGLISH COURSES

WIE offers a wide range of courses for both adult and junior students, with classes held morning, afternoon and evening that are designed to fit around your needs and schedule.

GENERAL ENGLISH

A practical course that focuses on improving the communication skills required for everyday interactions. You will make fast progress in fluency, listening, reading, writing, pronunciation and vocabulary. Class work is theme-based and activities focus on a weekly or bi-weekly topic so you can develop useful vocabulary and gain confidence using English in a variety of settings.

IELTS PREPARATION

Want to improve your IELTS test skills? This course is intensive, fast-paced and challenging; covering the key skills you need to achieve the results required for university entry or professional registration. You will learn test strategies from WIE's own certified examiners, who will help you take the test with confidence and succeed in achieving your academic goals.

OET PREPARATION

Not many nurses know that an OET score can be submitted for nursing registration in New Zealand instead of an IELTS score. WIE's OET Preparation course aims to help overseas Registered Nurses achieve the OET score required. Course materials have been specially designed for WIE and include subjects such as obstetrics, surgery, infectious diseases, oncology and other topics.

ENGLISH FOR MIGRANTS

Some migrants have to pay Immigration for English language tuition before they get residency in New Zealand. If you have pre-purchased tuition, you use it to study at WIE. WIE's course will give you the confidence you need for everyday living in New Zealand, whether for work, future studies, or just in the community. You will also learn about New Zealand culture and customs, mixing as much as possible with native English speakers. This course is available as both class and one-to-one tuition.

ENGLISH STUDIES FOR NURSING REGISTRATION

An intensive 6 month course designed to assist overseas Registered Nurses to meet the English language requirements for nursing registration in New Zealand, or for further nursing-related studies at a Polytechnic. The course combines IELTS or OET preparation lessons with medical English classes, which focus on specific nursing English and nursing practises in New Zealand.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

Planning to study in a New Zealand high school? Most high schools require international students to have a certain level of English. This course aims to raise your level of English to the standard required for a local high school, while assisting you to communicate more effectively in a variety of settings and adapt to the New Zealand culture.

PRACTICAL ENGLISH FOR WORK

A programme that focuses on skills needed for the workplace. Includes a focus on communication skills, accent correction, improving fluency and increasing confidence in speaking. Workshops include interview tips, CV writing and job skills.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Individually tailored 2 - 6 week programmes which offer groups the opportunity to experience the best of New Zealand while learning English. A combination of morning English classes and afternoon activities with weekend trips to popular tourist destinations.

For more information on the courses above and other courses WIE offers please visit: www.wie.ac.nz/cp.htm



YOUR PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

High School Pathways

Students who enrol in WIE's High School Preparation Programme can go onto study at a local high school, provided they fulfil the school's entry requirements. WIE offers a FREE service to help students enrol at a high school after they finish their course.

Local High Schools in Waikato

- Cambridge High School
- Fairfield College
- Fraser High School
- Hamilton Boys' High School
- Hamilton Christian School
- Hamilton Girls' High School
- Hillcrest High School
- Melville High School
- Morrinsville College
- Sacred Heart Girls College
- St John's College
- St Paul's Collegiate School
- St Peter's Cambridge
- Waikato Diocesan School for Girls

University and Polytechnic Pathways

Studying at WIE opens up great opportunities for tertiary study. Our graduates are accepted into diploma and degree programmes at universities and polytechnics all around New Zealand. Upon completing a degree or other tertiary qualification, graduates can then look for a job in New Zealand.

WIE provides a free service to help students enrol in the tertiary institute of their choice. Enrol through us and you could qualify for a Scholarship and FREE student insurance!



"I found the IELTS Preparation class really helpful. When I sat the IELTS exam it was exactly what had been covered in class!"

— Milena, POLAND

Your First Day

Class Placement

On your first day at WIE you will sit a placement test to help us assess your level of English and place you in the right class. The test includes grammar, listening, writing and speaking components.

Academic Goals

You will meet with the Director of Studies, who will ask you questions to help us assist you in achieving your study goals.

Induction & Orientation

Our student counsellors will give you some useful information to help you settle into life in NZ. Then follows a quick tour of the WIE campus and the city centre; we can also help you get a bank account, bus card and SIM card!

Your Classes

Levels

WIE has six levels of English classes from beginner to advanced, so no matter what your level is we have the right class for you.

Small Class Size

Classes have an average of 6 to 8 students with a maximum of 15, so you get the attention you deserve and have greater opportunities to practise speaking in class.

Tests and Assessments

Teachers hand out weekly tests in class and you will also have big tests twice a block to revise what you have learned and to assess your progress.

Methodology

Classes focus on practical, everyday use of English and academic vocabulary for those studying IELTS or OET. You will learn how to use correct grammar, new vocabulary and there will be plenty of opportunity to communicate in class.

Your Results

Certificate

When you complete a level or you finish your studies at WIE, you will receive an achievement certificate listing your learning outcomes.

Graduation

At the end of each block WIE has a Graduation Ceremony for all of our students. You will be given a certificate from your teacher and might even get promoted to the next level of class.



WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY



Ilariya, 24 years old, RUSSIA

My four months at WIE have been the best time of my life! Every day was special and unique for me. The most remarkable thing is the school is like one big family; the staff are very kind and always help you and listen to you, which is important when you are alone far away from your home and family. The teachers know every student's level and how to improve your weaknesses. At WIE you have a great opportunity to achieve your goals in English. I will never forget the fantastic time I had and the friends I have met here. Thank you WIE!



Peter, 17 years old, CHINA

I came to New Zealand to study English because I want to go to a high school in New Zealand. I really enjoyed studying English in WIE. They have many great teachers, and classmates are very friendly. They always helped me. After studying at WIE my English is much better than before. I took part in WIE's activities many times, I especially liked going to the beach. After finishing my studies I will be ready to go to High School and will tell my family and friends that WIE is a great school to study at.



Alejandra, 31 years old, CHILE

I am so happy with my English since I started studying at WIE; I have improved my grammar, speaking, listening and I can now express myself with confidence. My teachers spent a lot of their time helping me with my grammar and prepared special exercises to help keep me up with the pace of the class. They spent a lot of their time outside of class helping me with my personal writing such as emails and reports for my work. Now, I can reach my dream of going to university in New Zealand. Thank you WIE for giving me this great opportunity to learn English with the best teachers and team in Waikato!



Azzam, 19 years old, SAUDI ARABIA

In my country, knowing English is necessary if you want to succeed, which is why I came to WIE. I really enjoyed studying at WIE, now I can speak much better than before! The teachers encourage students to ask good questions in class and my classmates were very nice, it was so easy to relate to them and discuss many different topics. The most interesting thing here is the friendliness and cooperation between students and teachers, it is remarkable! I participated in lots of WIE's activities such as the table tennis competition and I went on the school trip to Rotorua. Now I am going back home to study medicine and I will tell my friends to go to New Zealand and discover the culture at WIE.



Praisy, 30 years old, INDIA

I want to work as a registered nurse in New Zealand, so I chose to study at WIE to help me pass my IELTS. I learned a number of things from WIE which were very helpful to me as an international student. While I was at WIE I also went through a painful personal experience and was quite distressed, but the support staff really helped me to overcome the situation. My teacher would walk with me from school to the bus station. I never forget these things, I am really thankful to you all. The student support team helped me a lot especially; they gave me psychological support and encouraged me in my further studies. As a foreign student I am really grateful for this school.



Ting, 32 years old, CHINA

I had been living in New Zealand for 3 years before I came to study at WIE. Now I have been studying for 9 months and my English has improved a lot, with the help of my excellent teachers and lovely classmates. I was absolutely delighted because I got 6.5 in each band of IELTS exam! I couldn't have achieved this score without the guide of my teachers. These 9 months at WIE have been one of the best memories in my life.

To hear more from other students, please visit our website www.wie.ac.nz/testimonial.htm

QUALITY YOU CAN TRUST

NZQA REGISTERED



Waikato Institute of Education is a private training establishment that has been granted registration by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) under Part 18 of the Education Act 1989. NZQA is the government organisation dedicated to ensuring New Zealand qualifications are regarded as credible and robust, both nationally and internationally.

GOVERNMENT FUNDED



We are one of the only English Schools in New Zealand to receive government funding for English courses. Both our General English and English for Work courses are funded by the NZ Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) and are approved by TEC for the English for Migrants scheme.

CAMBRIDGE PRETESTING CENTRE



Waikato Institute of Education is approved by Cambridge ESOL for the pretesting of Cambridge exams. Pretests give students a chance to practise taking a Cambridge ESOL exam using genuine questions under exam conditions. Test papers are sent to Cambridge for marking and candidates receive detailed feedback about how they performed in the writing test.

TOEIC TEST CENTRE



Waikato Institute of Education is the only authorised Public Test Centre for TOEIC in Waikato, New Zealand. TOEIC (Test of English for International communication) is an international test that employers use worldwide, particularly in Asia and increasingly in Europe, to assess English language for the workplace.

EDUCATION NEW ZEALAND



Education New Zealand is the Crown Agency responsible for New Zealand's international education promotion and representation worldwide. Waikato Institute of Education is a signatory to the NZ Educated brand and our profile is listed on their website: www.newzealandeducated.com/institution/568.

WAIKATO EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL



Waikato Institute of Education is a member of Waikato Education International (WEI), an organisation responsible for representing and promoting international education in the Waikato region and in particular, Hamilton.

THE CODE OF PRACTISE



As of March 2003, all New Zealand institutions enrolling International Students must be signatories to the Code of Practise for the Pastoral Care of International Students. This ensures that a high standard of care and wellbeing is maintained for each of our international students. The Code is available in many different languages and can be downloaded at www.minedu.govt.nz/goto/international.



Waikato Institute of Education and the New Zealand Government want international students in New Zealand to have a safe, enjoyable and rewarding place to study. **The Code of Practise for Pastoral Care of International Students** is an agreement made by the New Zealand Government to ensure that all education providers take responsibility for the wellbeing of their international students. Being a signatory of the Code of Practice, Waikato Institute of Education must comply with the Code and make sure all international students are safe, well informed, and properly cared for. A copy of the Code is available on the internet at www.minedu.govt.nz/NZEducation/EducationPolicies/InternationalEducation/ForInternationalStudentsAndParents/CodeOfPracticeInfoForStudents.aspx.

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